GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1237
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NON PROCUREMENT OF LEVY SUGAR
Agarwal Shri Dhirendra;Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has failed to procure its quota of levy sugar during the current year from the sugar mills in some States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken against the officers held responsible for the lapse?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Central Government does not procure levy sugar from the sugar mills. The levy sugar is requisitioned from the sugar mills in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3(2) (f) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The levy sugar so requisitioned is allotted to State Governments/Food Corporation of India/ Union Territories as per the fixed levy quotas. Hence, there is no question of failure of procurement of levy sugar from sugar mills in some states.

(c): Does not arise.